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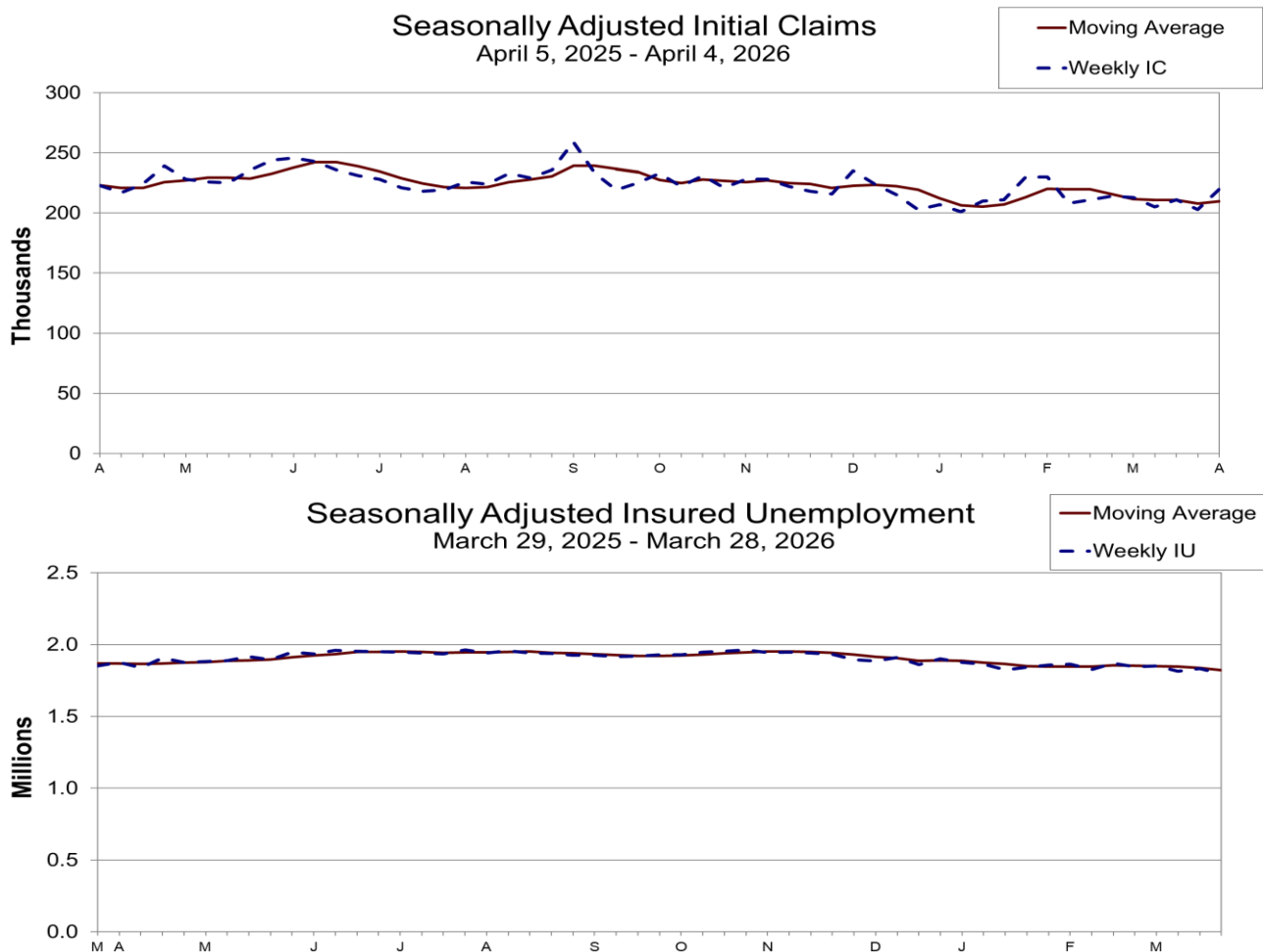
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 219,000, an increase of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 202,000 to 203,000. The 4-week moving average was 209,500, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 207,750 to 208,000.

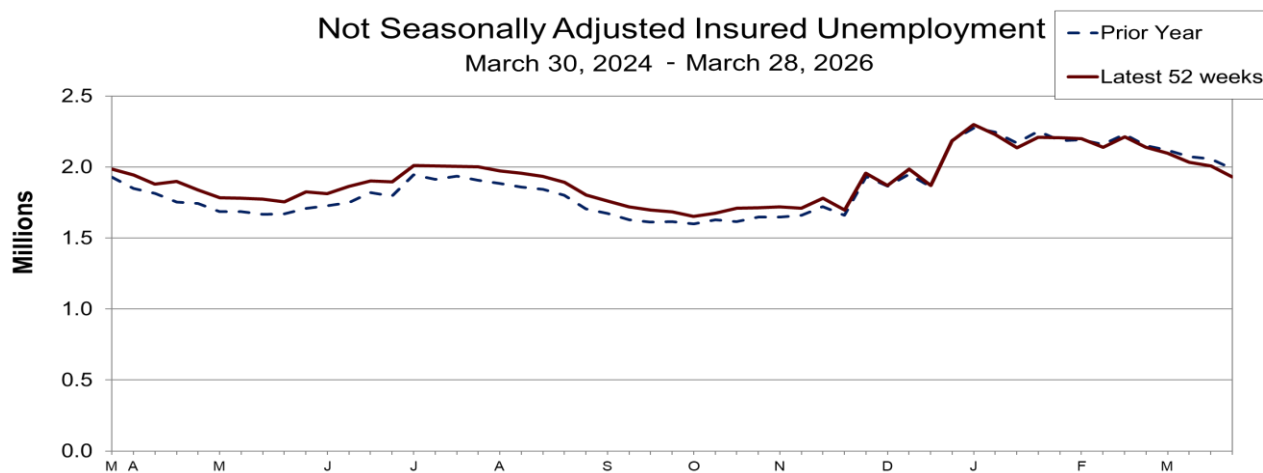
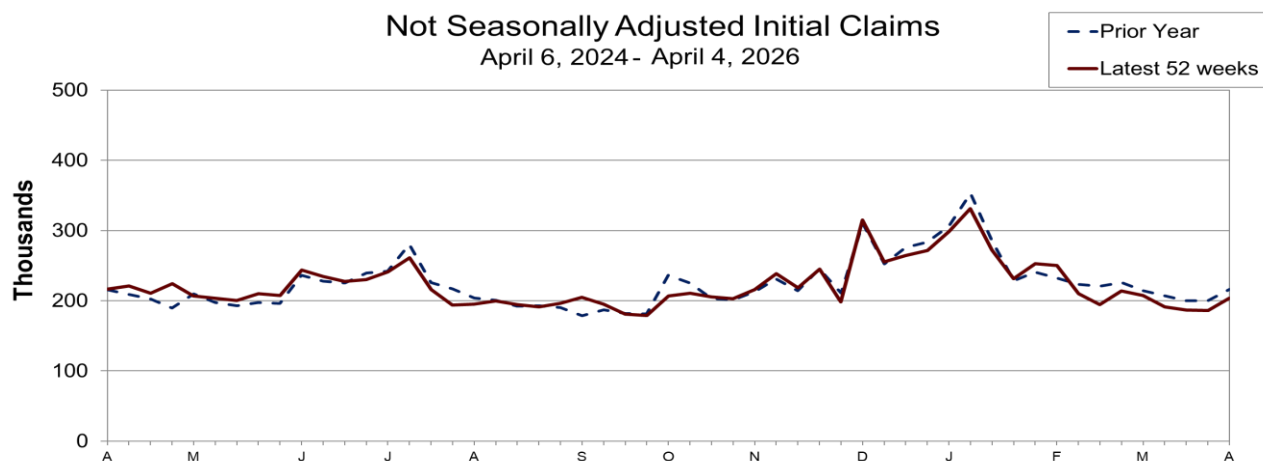
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 28 was 1,794,000, a decrease of 38,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since May 11, 2024 when it was 1,791,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 9,000 from 1,841,000 to 1,832,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,823,250, a decrease of 13,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since June 8, 2024 when it was 1,815,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,250 from 1,838,750 to 1,836,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 202,895 in the week ending April 4, an increase of 16,637 (or 8.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,828 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 216,534 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending March 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,928,053, a decrease of 78,508 (or -3.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 36,650 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,985,730.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 21 was 2,040,881, a decrease of 26,853 from the previous week. There were 2,089,023 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 580 in the week ending March 28, a decrease of 42 from the prior week. There were 395 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 46 from the preceding week.

There were 11,089 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 21, an increase of 9 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,695, an increase of 122 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 21 were in Rhode Island (2.7), Massachusetts (2.6), New Jersey (2.6), Minnesota (2.3), Washington (2.3), California (2.1), Illinois (2.0), New York (2.0), Michigan (1.9), Oregon (1.9), Montana (1.8), and Puerto Rico (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 28 were in Texas (+1,952), New York (+1,236), Oregon (+1,091), Wisconsin (+804), and Illinois (+721), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,751), Georgia (-1,059), Iowa (-1,057), Pennsylvania (-598), and Massachusetts (-459).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 4	March 28	Change	March 21	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	219,000	203,000	+16,000	211,000	223,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	202,895	186,258	+16,637	186,777	216,534
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	209,500	208,000	+1,500	210,750	223,000

WEEK ENDING	March 28	March 21	Change	March 14	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,794,000	1,832,000	-38,000	1,816,000	1,852,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,928,053	2,006,561	-78,508	2,033,954	1,985,730
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,823,250	1,836,500	-13,250	1,846,250	1,867,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 28	March 21	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	580	622	-42	508
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	395	349	+46	384

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 21	March 14	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,999,697	2,027,743	-28,046	2,052,390
Federal Employees	11,089	11,080	+9	7,721
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,695	4,573	+122	4,361
Extended Benefits ³	31	82	-51	116
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,679	3,620	+59	3,026
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,690	20,636	+1,054	21,409
TOTAL	2,040,881	2,067,734	-26,853	2,089,023

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 153,398,888 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended April 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,613	1,594	19	6,839	7,557	-718
Alaska	490	445	45	4,610	4,804	-194
Arizona	2,824	2,654	170	15,896	18,033	-2,137
Arkansas	1,202	1,400	-198	4,800	4,601	199
California	40,590	38,010	2,580	373,794	381,545	-7,751
Colorado	3,575	2,661	914	33,329	33,247	82
Connecticut	2,459	2,400	59	28,152	29,455	-1,303
Delaware	232	448	-216	9,913	5,506	4,407
District of Columbia	643	470	173	8,298	7,648	650
Florida	5,394	5,110	284	26,068	29,493	-3,425
Georgia	3,339	3,751	-412	23,030	25,592	-2,562
Hawaii	1,147	1,548	-401	5,727	6,349	-622
Idaho	725	733	-8	6,536	7,940	-1,404
Illinois	9,783	8,106	1,677	113,291	117,364	-4,073
Indiana	2,744	2,279	465	21,226	21,974	-748
Iowa	1,307	1,409	-102	12,198	16,547	-4,349
Kansas	1,038	993	45	8,147	7,955	192
Kentucky	1,011	1,400	-389	11,742	16,369	-4,627
Louisiana	801	1,225	-424	4,917	6,077	-1,160
Maine	601	557	44	9,223	9,176	47
Maryland	2,957	2,079	878	24,108	24,906	-798
Massachusetts	4,566	3,844	722	88,673	92,258	-3,585
Michigan	4,866	4,756	110	74,188	80,720	-6,532
Minnesota	3,734	3,947	-213	66,089	65,872	217
Mississippi	826	754	72	5,213	5,683	-470
Missouri	2,434	2,931	-497	16,490	18,143	-1,653
Montana	546	514	32	7,999	9,008	-1,009
Nebraska	571	538	33	5,973	6,905	-932
Nevada	2,689	2,350	339	25,570	25,593	-23
New Hampshire	390	431	-41	3,667	4,624	-957
New Jersey	13,374	8,042	5,332	106,037	110,971	-4,934
New Mexico	868	787	81	10,544	10,595	-51
New York	13,520	14,935	-1,415	186,693	192,113	-5,420
North Carolina	2,882	2,899	-17	18,177	19,274	-1,097
North Dakota	221	293	-72	5,484	5,467	17
Ohio	5,272	4,874	398	52,273	55,998	-3,725
Oklahoma	1,510	1,458	52	10,246	10,489	-243
Oregon	8,641	5,915	2,726	43,215	37,430	5,785
Pennsylvania	10,922	8,441	2,481	92,477	98,924	-6,447
Puerto Rico	688	910	-222	12,896	16,242	-3,346
Rhode Island	550	740	-190	12,360	13,184	-824
South Carolina	1,894	1,804	90	13,451	14,330	-879
South Dakota	145	165	-20	2,487	2,684	-197
Tennessee *	4,981	3,421	1,560	15,761	16,188	-427
Texas	16,046	17,488	-1,442	142,874	152,534	-9,660
Utah	1,646	1,342	304	12,912	13,594	-682
Vermont	353	303	50	3,677	3,650	27
Virgin Islands	11	6	5	142	224	-82
Virginia	2,599	2,250	349	21,045	19,745	1,300
Washington *	6,536	5,499	1,037	81,707	82,924	-1,217
West Virginia	545	557	-12	7,026	7,236	-210
Wisconsin	4,317	4,471	-154	28,162	29,430	-1,268
Wyoming	277	321	-44	2,701	2,391	310
US Total	202,895	186,258	16,637	1,928,053	2,006,561	-78,508

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
March 29, 2025	220	-4	222.75	1,852	-37	1,867.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	223	3	223.00	1,876	24	1,867.25	1.2
April 12, 2025	217	-6	221.00	1,840	-36	1,864.25	1.2
April 19, 2025	224	7	221.00	1,906	66	1,868.50	1.3
April 26, 2025	239	15	225.75	1,876	-30	1,874.50	1.2
May 3, 2025	228	-11	227.00	1,884	8	1,876.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	226	-2	229.25	1,889	5	1,888.75	1.2
May 17, 2025	225	-1	229.50	1,917	28	1,891.50	1.3
May 24, 2025	236	11	228.75	1,896	-21	1,896.50	1.2
May 31, 2025	244	8	232.75	1,947	51	1,912.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	246	2	237.75	1,935	-12	1,923.75	1.3
June 14, 2025	243	-3	242.25	1,960	25	1,934.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	236	-7	242.25	1,954	-6	1,949.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	231	-5	239.00	1,952	-2	1,950.25	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-3	234.50	1,949	-3	1,953.75	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.00	1,941	-8	1,949.00	1.3
July 19, 2025	218	-3	224.50	1,936	-5	1,944.50	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	1	221.50	1,963	27	1,947.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	226	7	221.00	1,942	-21	1,945.50	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-2	221.75	1,957	15	1,949.50	1.3
August 16, 2025	233	9	225.50	1,942	-15	1,951.00	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-4	228.00	1,937	-5	1,944.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.50	1,927	-10	1,940.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	259	23	239.25	1,925	-2	1,932.75	1.3
September 13, 2025	233	-26	239.25	1,916	-9	1,926.25	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-14	236.75	1,921	5	1,922.25	1.3
September 27, 2025	225	6	234.00	1,929	8	1,922.75	1.3
October 4, 2025	233	8	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	222	-11	224.75	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	231	9	227.75	1,953	6	1,939.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	221	-10	226.75	1,962	9	1,947.50	1.3
November 1, 2025	228	7	225.50	1,946	-16	1,952.00	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	0	227.00	1,949	3	1,952.50	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,943	-6	1,950.00	1.3
November 22, 2025	218	-4	224.00	1,932	-11	1,942.50	1.3
November 29, 2025	216	-2	221.00	1,894	-38	1,929.50	1.2
December 6, 2025	235	19	222.75	1,887	-7	1,914.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-11	223.25	1,910	23	1,905.75	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	222.50	1,860	-50	1,887.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	203	-12	219.25	1,900	40	1,889.25	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	4	212.25	1,875	-25	1,886.25	1.2
January 10, 2026	201	-6	206.50	1,865	-10	1,875.00	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	9	205.25	1,823	-42	1,865.75	1.2
January 24, 2026	211	1	207.25	1,842	19	1,851.25	1.2
January 31, 2026	230	19	213.00	1,859	17	1,847.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	230	0	220.25	1,865	6	1,847.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-22	219.75	1,827	-38	1,848.25	1.2
February 21, 2026	211	3	219.75	1,871	44	1,855.50	1.2
February 28, 2026	214	3	215.75	1,847	-24	1,852.50	1.2
March 7, 2026	213	-1	211.50	1,851	4	1,849.00	1.2
March 14, 2026	205	-8	210.75	1,816	-35	1,846.25	1.2
March 21, 2026	211	6	210.75	1,832	16	1,836.50	1.2
March 28, 2026	203	-8	208.00	1,794	-38	1,823.25	1.2
April 4, 2026	219	16	209.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MARCH 28					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 21						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,594	18	-64	8	5	7,557	0.4	-193	-768	56	18	7,631
Alaska	445	-36	-34	2	0	4,804	1.5	-184	-131	63	2	4,869
Arizona	2,654	128	-604	3	3	18,033	0.6	261	-5,982	47	36	18,116
Arkansas	1,400	52	-112	1	0	4,601	0.4	32	-2,415	15	5	4,621
California	38,010	191	-3,216	122	70	381,545	2.1	-7,519	-48,631	1,756	1,238	384,539
Colorado	2,661	47	117	5	16	33,247	1.2	-573	1,270	277	208	33,732
Connecticut	2,400	-352	102	5	3	29,455	1.7	-1,213	340	52	27	29,534
Delaware	448	200	228	2	3	5,506	1.2	-463	257	23	3	5,532
District of Columbia	470	-91	-373	33	0	7,648	1.4	-69	-3,280	1,046	4	8,698
Florida	5,110	-288	-477	24	23	29,493	0.3	-422	-2,895	175	60	29,728
Georgia	3,751	-1,059	-675	45	24	25,592	0.5	-1,736	-4,414	270	88	25,950
Hawaii	1,548	-49	501	0	5	6,349	1.0	201	900	60	58	6,467
Idaho	733	-207	-278	0	0	7,940	0.9	-586	-1,004	74	13	8,027
Illinois	8,106	721	-2,134	16	7	117,364	2.0	-1,323	-4,949	501	142	118,007
Indiana	2,279	-139	-206	1	4	21,974	0.7	-980	-2,261	66	19	22,059
Iowa	1,409	-1,057	-1,640	2	3	16,547	1.1	234	-949	13	8	16,568
Kansas	993	-97	-252	3	0	7,955	0.6	110	-1,676	24	18	7,997
Kentucky	1,400	-153	-3,854	1	0	16,369	0.8	1,811	4,179	61	30	16,460
Louisiana	1,225	13	-223	2	1	6,077	0.3	-5	-4,825	43	12	6,132
Maine	557	39	-59	0	0	9,176	1.5	-180	336	40	10	9,226
Maryland	2,079	-183	-343	36	10	24,906	1.0	-336	-508	671	61	25,638
Massachusetts	3,844	-459	-432	3	0	92,258	2.6	-3,309	10,297	355	37	92,650
Michigan	4,756	-2,751	-273	2	3	80,720	1.9	2,862	6,499	164	27	80,911
Minnesota	3,947	146	252	7	1	65,872	2.3	-1,207	220	101	61	66,034
Mississippi	754	-132	-94	3	1	5,683	0.5	-296	-448	61	5	5,749
Missouri	2,931	182	39	4	4	18,143	0.6	-134	-1,356	78	11	18,232
Montana	514	18	28	7	0	9,008	1.8	-719	176	202	10	9,220
Nebraska	538	-106	-21	3	1	6,905	0.7	-390	597	15	3	6,923
Nevada	2,350	-14	71	3	2	25,593	1.7	-303	505	117	75	25,785
New Hampshire	431	-38	61	2	1	4,624	0.7	-31	506	7	0	4,631
New Jersey	8,042	157	214	39	30	110,971	2.6	-4,278	312	365	228	111,564
New Mexico	787	-107	-70	2	2	10,595	1.3	100	-251	119	23	10,737
New York	14,935	1,236	-186	20	12	192,113	2.0	-1,923	16,096	609	264	192,986
North Carolina	2,899	-33	-290	5	0	19,274	0.4	-167	-5,868	106	74	19,454
North Dakota	293	15	38	1	1	5,467	1.3	-295	320	12	5	5,484
Ohio	4,874	183	-1,259	6	11	55,998	1.0	-2,211	-3,938	126	60	56,184
Oklahoma	1,458	169	259	5	8	10,489	0.6	1,003	196	38	27	10,554
Oregon	5,915	1,091	874	11	3	37,430	1.9	-419	3,878	429	83	37,942
Pennsylvania	8,441	-598	-142	23	11	98,924	1.7	-3,460	-1,824	487	116	99,527
Puerto Rico	910	-5	-166	2	3	16,242	1.8	71	1,069	304	77	16,623
Rhode Island	740	-40	15	2	0	13,184	2.7	-605	307	57	13	13,254
South Carolina	1,804	94	33	3	6	14,330	0.6	-55	321	38	39	14,407
South Dakota	165	-14	7	1	0	2,684	0.6	-115	52	14	4	2,702
Tennessee	3,421	409	614	3	3	16,188	0.5	-398	559	47	43	16,278
Texas	17,488	1,952	784	77	96	152,534	1.1	4,561	-7,063	690	832	154,056
Utah	1,342	17	91	5	4	13,594	0.8	-588	-360	202	20	13,816
Vermont	303	-27	-10	0	0	3,650	1.2	-148	203	1	0	3,651
Virgin Islands	6	-8	-23	0	0	224	0.7	36	-8	12	0	236
Virginia	2,250	-24	-325	9	2	19,745	0.5	-847	2,120	279	71	20,095
Washington	5,499	-280	-6	10	11	82,924	2.3	-1,564	3,573	564	404	83,892
West Virginia	557	-7	-81	0	0	7,236	1.1	-179	-359	51	10	7,297
Wisconsin	4,471	804	-237	3	2	29,430	1.0	720	-1,039	63	11	29,504
Wyoming	321	-47	8	8	0	2,391	0.9	28	-76	43	2	2,436
Totals	186,258	-519	-13,823	580	395	2,006,561	1.3	-27,393	-52,190	11,089	4,695	2,022,345

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 28, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+1,952	Layoffs in manufacturing, and in accommodation and food services industries.
NY	+1,236	Layoffs in accommodation and food services, construction, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	+1,091	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,751	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
GA	-1,059	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
IA	-1,057	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and in educational services industries.

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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